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NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

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For the

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

THOMAS JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 13, 1890. 1643

Intimations.

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The Opening Match, FIRST TWELVE V. ALL COMERS, will be played on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 3rd and 4th October.

Intending Players will please sign their Names on the Lists which are lying in the Hongkong Club and Cricket Club Pavilion.

There are Three Vacancies in the A Class Lawn Tennis. Gentlemen wishing to compete will please send in their Names to the Hon. Sec. before the 1st October.

Holders of Lockers are requested to send in their Names, with the number of their Lockers, to the Undersigned before the 1st October. Members desirous of holding Lockers should also send in their Names.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS, Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, September 19, 1890. 1643

THE IMURIS MINES, LIMITED.

THE FINAL CALL of FIVE SHILLINGS per Share will be due on the First of November, 1890, and SHAREHOLDERS are requested to Pay the same to the Undersigned by BANK DEMAND DRAFT on London in favor of ourselves, on or before that date.

ALL CALLS UNPAID on the 1st November, will be liable to INTEREST at the Rate of EIGHT PER CENT. per Annum.

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, September 27, 1890. 1689

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ninth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the Undersigned, at 12 o'clock (Noon), on TUESDAY, the 14th PROXIMO.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 14th PROXIMO, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO., General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, September 26, 1890. 1681

THE PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

By Order of the Board of Directors, CHAS. F. HARTON, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, September 30, 1890. 1711

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that a SECOND CALL of (\$2) Two Dollars per Share, is PAYABLE at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Hongkong, or before the 1st November, 1890.

The HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on or before the 15th October, 1890, the said Shares will be liable to BEFORFEITED, and under the Provisions of Section X Subsection VIII of the Articles of Association the Board will pass the necessary Resolution for the forfeiture of the said Shares Nos.:—

6/8 822/841 232/2330

12/125 1101/103 238/2400

197/226 1104/1123 2450/2505

357/381 1477/1511 280/285

382/391 1757/1796 2820/2850

632/681 2007/2016 20/210

807/821 2282/2301 1527/1576

By Order of the Board of Directors, J. WHEELER, Secretary.

Hongkong, September 19, 1890. 1643

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SECOND CALL.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that a second CALL of (\$2) Two Dollars per Share, is PAYABLE at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Hongkong, or before the 1st November, 1890.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 13th October, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, CHAS. F. HARTON, Acting Secretary.

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Hongkong, July 28, 1890. 1624

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D. GILLIES,
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Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1458

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Hongkong, November 12, 1889. 2153

To-day's Advertisements.

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NO. 552.

A N Emergency MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FAZENDA'S HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY NEXT, the 7th Instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, October 2, 1890. 1718

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

IN RE UNPAID CALLS.

FINAL NOTICE.

HOLDERS of SHARES on which the CALL of \$1 Four Dollars per Share, due 16th November, 1889, has NOT been Paid, are hereby notified that unless the said Call, together with INTEREST thereon at the Rate of 12% per Annum be PAID to the Underwriters, 6, Leo House Lane, out or before 15th October, 1890, the said Shares will be FORFEITED.

ED, and under the Provisions of Section X.

Section VIII of the Company's Articles of Association, the Board will pass the necessary Resolution for the forfeiture of such Shares.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

CHAS. F. HARTON,
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Hongkong, October 2, 1890. 1719

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Mr. Wise gave his decision at the Magistrate's court in the case in which Mr. V. Danenberg was charged at the instance of the Sanitary Board with neglecting to take out a dairy-keeper's licence. Mr. Caldwell appeared for the defendant. His Worship said he had considered the arguments advanced by Mr. Caldwell, which were mainly to the effect that as the defendant had a farm lease of his place at Wong-nai-cheong and was entitled to turn out his cattle on that ground and the adjoining waste ground, he was not bound to take out a licence. However, as far as his Worship could see, the only right given was to have cattle there, and it did not follow that there was no power on the part of the Government to impose any future tax or licence. In this case he certainly thought they had power under the Public Health Ordinance to require that a licence should be taken out. It was analogous in a certain way to taxation, and there was nothing to prevent the Government from increasing taxation in such a case. He had come to the conclusion that the Sanitary Board had a right to impose this condition of taking out a licence. Under the circumstances, seeing that this was a sort of test case, he would only impose a penalty of \$5, as had been done before. He held that the defendant was bound to take out a licence.

LAWN tennis having gradually degenerated from an amusement into a profession, croquet has been revived in America.

A NOVEL trial was witnessed in Holy Trinity Church, Windsor, this week. Two gypsies were married by special license by the Rev. Arthur Robine, Chaplain to the Queen.

It is extremely probable that a Bill will be introduced from the Conservative benches with the object of restricting hypnotic performances, which are declared to have a deadly effect on the subjects.

The Straits Independent hears that the Acting-Governor's visit to Tongkak led to one Siamese official directing another to vacate his (the latter's) house for the use and occupation of H. E. and party. The request met with a refusal, with the result that the refractory official was dragged away from the house. Three of his slaves for aiding him got each 39 cuts and a term of imprisonment.

The Deli Court of the 13th instant writes strongly against the recent order that land contracts with others than Residents in Netherlands India, or Netherlands be not sanctified. It forms the order unfair, impulsive and impractical; detrimental to the development of East Sumatra, and a retrograde action. Far better is Resident Michelin's proposal that foreign companies must deposit security with the Government that their obligations to the coolies and others are fulfilled.

M. Postnew, Professor at the University of St. Petersburg, has observed at the French National Library a Manchu manuscript which is probably unique. It consists of 161 sheets of Chinese ruyipan, stitched together in four books enclosed in an Imperial yellow silk case. Composed during the sixth year of the reign of the first Emperor of the present dynasty, this work is entitled "Record of Words." This record contains letters and signs unknown till to day, as well as phonetic groups, of which nobody suspected the existence, and which were used to render the pronunciation clearer.—*Orelova's Mail.*

MATTERS are looking flourishing for at least two Tin Mining Companies in the Peninsula. We hear that some 2,000 bars of ore and 125 slabs of tin bars arrived from the Jelutong Co.'s mine during last month. From the Bentong Mines, we understand, 1,100 bars of tin have been shipped to London since January, and 300 more are now awaiting shipment. We have heard of little good news of our mines lately that it is quite refreshing to know that work is steadily, if silently, going on. The Jelutong Company paid a dividend of 3 per cent. last year, and if work goes on and the new railway shortens the cost of transport a further satisfactory dividend may be expected.—*Singapore Free Press.*

The *Vorische Zeitung* comments on the result of the British naval manoeuvres in the following manner:—“We are of opinion that this year's manoeuvres will serve England for a much more important lesson than those of all former years. Sir Michael Culme Seymour is proved that even a second-rate fleet is able to rule during almost a fortnight all the seas leading to England and Ireland without being greatly molested by the enemy. Admiral Tryon and his attained his principal object in avoiding every decisive encounter. The report to the Admiralty will show in figures how many mercantilemen Admiral Seymour, during ten days, would have been able to make prizes of before the very gates of England, in spite of the efforts of a strong fleet of defense to prevent it. The assertion that twenty-four cruisers would be able to cripple England's commerce has been proved by Admiral Seymour's success.”

RAUB.—The London and China Express of 20th August contains the following:

The Secretary of Raub Australian Syndicate, Pahang, telegraphs from Singapore, Aug. 23:—“Battery completed, working satisfactorily. Crushing 100 tons; breaking very well. Trial—crushing 1-ton gave 52 oz. gold.” About one-third of the shares in the Raub are held in England.

We (Straits Times) are asked by the Secretary to say that he sent no such telegram, nor did his directors; nor has he ever sent any tel gram to London; nor did he at any time issue to Australia or any place any such news. On the 23rd of August there was no news of any kind from Raub, and on the 27th there was the “prospectus” in different telegram. It appears that some one must have “jumbled together an old ‘battery’ completed” message, the manager’s estimate of “how much stone he intended to crush, and the assay of samples in Australia,” and the resulting jumble is palmed off on the public as a telegram from the Company’s Secretary. The *London & China Express* is a respectable newspaper, and will no doubt explain how it came to publish false news. To-morrow’s mail the Secretary, whose name has been taken in vain, will ask an explanation.

A SECRET outbreak in British North Borneo, resulting in a native police officer losing his life, has been found to arise from the latter having taken to head-hunting along with a number of friends.

THE RECOGNIZED leaders of two international labour associations, *sæe St. James’s Gazette*, have just received from Berlin a polite intimation that in future their operations must not be extended to the German Empire. Any franchises they have formed will be promptly suppressed, and their agents and officers will be prosecuted. The International Labour League and the National Federation of Trades and Industries must propagate their views elsewhere. There is no doubt that the German Emperor means what he says. And he is not going to let the national life be snuffed by cosmopolitan conspirators. In England, of course, the international federation of the working man is never taken very seriously—the nation does not appeal to Englishmen; but on the Continent it is a real danger almost everywhere, and the German Emperor, for a time, will take steps to guard against it.

Poisonous PICKLES.—It is characteristic of an advancing civilization that it multiplies the conveniences and the luxuries of life in a positively dangerous degree. Personal gratification and disease often march abreast, and the wisdom and self-control of individuals are in nothing more plainly seen than in their ability to enjoy wisely the one without fear of the other. Probably that scourge of the season, diarrhoea, illustrates the truth of these remarks more forcibly than any other known malady.

Almost every indisposition in diet adds to its possible causes, and the number of such instances daily, thanks to human frailty, is increased rapidly, and to the carelessness

or wilful prevalence of trade adulterations. Under this latter head, we may perhaps most fittingly discuss a recent case of death attributed by a coroner to the action of pickles which had been eaten a short time previously. There was here an evident connection between the alleged cause and its effect, but some further explanation is certainly desirable. Notwithstanding the naturally stimulative property of these condiments, this is to our mind insufficient in itself to account for fatal choleraic diarrhoea. The facts of the case are much more suggestive of the introduction of some irritant poison. The vinegar of pickles has frequently been found to contain metallic impurities, notably copper, derived from the vessels used in their manufacture. Corrosive sublimate and other irritants have also been detected, and the presence of such mischievous addition should probably be blamed in this case for the fatal issue.—Lance.

YESTERDAY afternoon (says the *Straits Times* of the 25th instant) Mr. Butkinshaw and Mr. Guthrie Davids had an interview on behalf of the Banks with the two principal Chitties in which the latter demurred to terms which contained the appointment of a receiver. The Chitties said they meant well; they were sure they could pay if only the terms formulated on their behalf were given them; but that they could only succeed if left unhampered, and rather than be subject to an official receiver they would prefer to accept bankruptcy and its consequences. They put aside the idea of using the desired period of grace as a period in which to collect as much as possible for their own purposes, alleging that if they had so desired they might have done that in the recent past. In short, they adopted the position of the virtuous debtor who has struggled against undeserved and unexpected misfortune, and who is prepared to continue the struggle, but who will rather accept ruin than make an arrangement which he cannot carry out. Having regard to the fact that the debtors are Chitties, that stand in some rather humorous; but yet it is not so unprecedented. The truth is that the Chitties have lost so much as to be well nigh desperate. If they are allowed a chance to work on unhampered they will try to pay up—if not, *tidigera*. The probability is that the matter will be arranged, for the Banks will almost certainly get more money in that way than by forcing a general bankruptcy of about fifty Chitties and several hundred Chinese dealers—a general bankruptcy which the Official Assignee’s office could scarcely face with any dispatch or any good financial result. And perhaps it may also be better for the community to avoid so extensive a smash. But it has to be remembered that if the matter so arranged the fear of a commercial crisis will rest over the bazaar for several years to come, and that is not precisely a wholesome condition of affairs. Obviously, however, there is no pleasant way out of the situation, and the continuance of trust in the Chitties will, I think, be a difficulty, yet be the lesser of the two alternatives. In the meantime the matter is still absolutely unsettled.

A REMARKABLE INSTANCE OF ABSENCE OF MIND.—We have all frequently heard, and most of us have been amused at, the ridiculous spectacle of a man driven to desperation in search of his eye-glasses, when in fact they were actually at the time only a couple of inches out of their natural position on the face. Equally ludicrous is it to see a carpenter searching the benches of his workshop for his two-foot rule when he has actually got it between his teeth! But all the remarkable instances of absence of mind of this kind that I have ever heard of is that of a man going to a Police station to report the loss of a horse on which he was actually mounted at the time! Don’t laugh, it’s a downright fact, this is how it occurred. An Australian horse-dealer had landed a cargo of horses at Princess’s Ghat, Calcutta, consigned to Meers, Cook & Co. The consignment consisted of 125 fresh Walers all told. Part of the batch were sent to the Dhurumtollah stables and the remainder to Garden Reach. Some thirty or forty of the horses broke away from the stables after landing and were galloping all over the *morden*. As the animals were frightened of the natives, the owner had one of the remnants of the batch saddled, with which he followed the fugitives. He succeeded in the course of the afternoon in capturing all the runaways, as he thought, but one. The missing horse was searched for all over Calcutta, and the suburbs, but no trace of the animal could be found. Enquiry had been made at all the police stations in and around the city, but without success. As a last resource the importer rode up to the head office, and reported the loss to the Superintendent. “Come,” said the officer, taking up pencil and paper, “let us understand each other. You say a batch of 125 horses were landed. How many were sent to the Dhurumtollah stable?—‘Eighty,’ was the prompt reply. ‘How many are now in the stables at Garden Reach?’ was the detective’s next question. ‘Forty-four,’ was the answer. ‘You are still one short of the total number, you say?’ ‘Yes, sir.’ ‘Then what is that horse you are now mounted on?’ From the appearance of the following expugnated extract:—“That second mate is a Bulian, they’re all Bulians, and took the wife away from me. I have sold this ship to the Queen, she’s going to leave us all her money. I’m going to build a house for myself and my wife.” This apparently independent life of the cell within the organism is one of the most marvellous revelations of modern science.—*Overland Mail.*

Mr. Spence Moss, Government Engineer for Railways, arrived on the 22nd ult. in Singapore.

THERE are 250,000 fully paid-up shares of the Raub Australian Syndicate now in Singapore.—*Straits Times.*

IS the Straits’ *Independent* occurs this statement concerning the letting of the Larut General Farm, whose former contractors declared themselves unable to meet their monthly payments to the Perak Government?—The Larut General Farm for which tenders were open on the 15th instant, for the period comprised between the 1st proximo to the 31st December 1891, has been secured by the syndicate represented by Mr. Hong Choon Tong, whose tender for \$14,401 a month was accepted. The former rental at which this Farm was let by the Perak Government was \$27,000, of which the present Farmers only paid \$20,000 during the last few months, giving promissory notes for the remainder. The Perak Government thus has a claim of about \$220,000 against the present Farmers, for which the latter will, no doubt, be sued at an early date. The question however, is, will the Perak Government ever get that amount? We do not think so, but an effort will certainly be made to bring the Farmers to book.

RETIRING OFFICERS.—In the House of Commons, Mr. E. Stanhope, in answer to Sir G. Campbell, said: When voluntary retirement is permitted a combatant officer of fifteen years’ service and upwards may retire on £120 a year if below the rank of lieutenant-colonel, or on £250 if he has been three years in that rank. After twenty-five years’ service a major may retire on £230 a year; after twenty-seven years a lieutenant-colonel can retire on £300 a year, and after thirty years’ service on £365. A lieutenant-colonel or colonel after completing his term of service in that rank may retire on £220 or £250 a year, according to the arm of the service in which he has served. A general officer can retire at any time on the retired pay of the next lower grade, and a major-general may retire at sixty years of age on £80 a year; a lieutenant-general at the age of sixty-five on £230; and a general at the same age on £250 a year. A captain or lieutenant up to fifty years, a field officer up to fifty-five years, and a general officer to sixty-seven years of age is liable in a time of emergency to be recalled to service in the Regular or Auxiliary Forces.

THE POLICE AND THE WEI SING LOTTERY AGENCIES.

Before Mr. Wise at the Police Court to-day Mok Kiu Shun and Tung Tat Ting were charged under Ordinance 27 of 1888 with keeping an office, agency or place for dealing in lotteries at 214 Queen’s Road Central. Mr. A. B. Johnson, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. F. N. G. Q. C., instructed by Mr. Moscop, appeared for the first defendant.

Mr. Johnson said he would produce evidence to show that the defendant kept an office on the second floor of the house No. 214 Queen’s Road Central.

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Hongkong, September 26, 1890. 1676

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PARTHIA.....SATURDAY, 11th Oct.

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Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo sent to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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O. D. HARMAN,
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